

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for January 13:

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PURCHASE A UTAH STATE PARKS ANNUAL PASS

Salt Lake City— Purchase a Utah State Parks Annual Pass and explore Coral Pink Sand Dunes, climb into the kiva at Edge of the Cedars, view wildlife at Antelope Island or visit any of Utah's 43 state parks and museums.

Passes for the 2009 season are available for \$75. Utah residents 62 years and older may purchase a Senior Adventure Pass for \$35, which offers the same benefits as the Annual Pass.

Passes cover day-use fees for the cardholder and up to seven guests in the same vehicle. Annual passes now also provide a \$2 per night discount on camping except on holidays and holiday weekends. Passes are honored at all state parks except This Is The Place Heritage Park, and do not cover the Davis County Causeway fee at Antelope Island State Park.

Passes may be purchased at any state park, region office, online at stateparks.utah.gov (<http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/>) and the Department of Natural Resources located at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City. For more information, please call (801) 538-7220 or 877-UT-PARKS.

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HYRUMSTATE PARKHOSTS POLAR PLUNGE

Hyrum— Hyrum State Park hosts the third annual Polar Plunge Saturday, January 17, which benefits the Utah Special Olympics. Jump into the icy waters of Hyrum Lake or watch those brave enough to take the plunge. A \$20 donation is suggested for each participant. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with plunging at 11 a.m. Visit sout.org for registration and more information.

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UTAH STATE PARKS SNOWMOBILE GROOMING REPORT

Please find below, current grooming conditions as of January 12. Utah State Parks encourages all riders to carry appropriate avalanche gear and get an avalanche advisory at 1-800-OHV-RIDE or utahavalanche.org (<http://www.avalanche.org/>).

BEAR RIVER SERVICE/ WHITNEY – North Slope Road to Dead Horse Trailhead, Whitney to Ruth Lake

BEARLAKE/ LOGAN CANYON– Sinks, Amazon, Beaver Creek, Franklin Basin, Tony Grove, Garden City, Cottonwood, Temple, Swan Flat

HARDWARE RANCH – Hardware Ranch, Hodges Canyon, Strawberry, Danish Dugway, Saddle Creek, the Gorge, Hells Canyon, Temple Flat, Mill Hollow to Elk Valley Guard Station, Cottonwood, Saddle Creek

MONTE CRISTO - Ant Flat, Highway 39, Curtis Creek Loop, Millie Springs, Arbs Basin, Wasatch Ridge, Scare Canyon

WASATCH - Mill Flat, Little Deer Creek, Sundance, Narrows, Cummings Parkway, Snake Creek, Pole Line Pass, Cascade Springs, Soldier Hollow

MIRROR LAKE/MILL HOLLOW – Extreme avalanche danger! North Fork Trail, Soapstone Basin Road, Highway 35 from Nobletts to Hanna Trailhead, Wolf Creek Summit, Mill Hollow to Lake Creek Summit, Mirror Lake Highway, Soapstone to Nobblets, Highway 150 to warming hut, Highway 35

STRAWBERRY - Clyde Creek, Mud Creek, Strawberry Marina, Co-op Creek, Lake Creek Trail, Strawberry River, Lew's Cutoff, Indian Creek, Sheep Creek, Trail Hollow, Strawberry Co-op, Tower Mountain _NOTE: Sheep Creek is private property; day-use fee required

SCOFIELD COMPLEX – Snowcat under repair

EPHRIAM – Snowcat under repair

MT.NEBO– Snowcat under repair

FISH LAKE – City Creek, Kents Lake, Puffer Lake, Monroe Mountain to Koosharem, Cove Road, Monrovia Park, Bowery Haven, Sand Ledges to Mount Terrill Guard Station

CEDARMOUNTAIN- Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, Lava Beds, Strawberry Point

UINTAHBASIN – Red Cloud Loop

Utah State Parks is the state off-highway vehicle authority, providing access, education, and search and rescue on Utah's trails.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

January 17 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Star Party: Celebrate the International Year of Astronomy with an evening of stargazing and star stories. Join the park naturalist as we scan the skies for your favorite celestial sights and learn some new winter constellations. Warm drinks and snacks will be served. Meet at the visitor center at 6:30 p.m. Bring warm clothes, blankets, and folding chairs. (435) 826-4466

January 24 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Junior Ranger Program: Plants go dormant in the winter, but what does that really mean? Join the park naturalist for a closer look into the life of plants during the cold winter months. Meet at the visitor center at 11 a.m. This activity is intended for children ages six to 12, however everyone welcome. (801) 721-9569

January 24 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Hike with a Naturalist: As the seasons change, wildlife and plant life undergo many changes on the island. Join the park naturalist for a discussion on winter adaptations of life on Antelope Island. This is a short half-mile hike lasting about one hour. Meet at Buffalo Point Trailhead at 2 p.m. (801) 721-9569

January 24 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield

Appraisal Show: Camp Floyd/ Stagecoach Inn staff host an antique appraisal show from noon until 4 p.m. Appraisers from the Utah Antique Dealer's Association, who specialize in old photographs, books, fine art, furniture, silver, glassware, and other antiques, are present to help evaluate your treasures and. Participants are encouraged to bring one or two items. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds benefit Camp Floyd's educational programs. (801) 768-8932

January 24 Bear Lake State Park – Garden City

Annual Cisco Disco: The public is invited to attend the annual Cisco Disco Saturday, January 24 beginning at 6:30 a.m. Visitors may watch as large numbers of fish spawn along the lake's shore. This event is popular for anglers who use minnow nets to scoop fish, often times catching their limit in one or two scoops. Bring a Cisco net, fishing equipment, cooking gear, and warm clothes. Special fishing regulations apply. For more information, visit wildlife.utah.gov or call (435) 946-3343.

January 24 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Basic Snowshoe Clinic: Join park staff for a free basic snowshoe clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, to explore the roots of snowshoeing, types of snowshoes, health benefits, and techniques. We begin with an indoor discussion at the Educational Yurt, followed by practical experience in the park to learn the basics of moving on snowshoes. Bring your own snowshoes, or rent some from the park. Registration is required. (435) 654-1791

January 24 SnowCanyon State Park- Ivins

Star Gazing Party: Join Southern Utah University Astronomer Laura Cotts from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a starry evening in the canyon. Learn winter constellations and hear stories about the night sky. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 628-2255

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